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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"No representation was received from the Secretary of the Illegal Eviction Protest Committee, Chekkanari Patta Hills, Tiruvambadi, Wynaad, alleging attempt at forceful eviction and requesting protection."

Direct recruitment of Sub-Inspectors of Police.

*302 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Sub-Inspectors of Police directly recruited during the years 1950–52 in the Northern Range; and

(b) how many of them are (i) Harijans and (ii) Christian converts?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(a) 165, in three batches.

"(b) 19 and 6 respectively."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—"Is any relaxation in qualifications allowed in respect of Harijans and Christians and is the general percentage reservation in the public services for Harijans maintained in the selection of Sub-Inspectors?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Relaxations have been made in a few cases. As a matter of fact, reservations were to the extent of 33, but including relaxations we could get only 19 candidates."

Election to Villiappalli Panchayat Board, North Malabar.

*303 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the voters who came for voting for the Villiappalli Panchayat Board election in Kurumbranad taluk, North Malabar, on the 14th February 1953 were lathi-charged by the police and whether the Government received any memorandum regarding the same?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—"A report on the alleged incident has been called for from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards."

Japanese method of rice cultivation.

*304 Q.—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the names of the villages which are proposed to be selected in Srikakulam district for trying the Japanese method of rice cultivation?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—"A statement* showing the list of villages is placed on the table of the Assembly."

* Printed as Appendix II on pages 915–916 infra.

Sri L. LAKSHMANA DAS :—"What facilities will be given to these villages for trying the Japanese method of rice cultivation?"

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—"We have published a pamphlet giving the details of the method. Instructions will be given to the cultivators and they will be given facilities to purchase sulphate and other fertilisers without much difficulty."

Sri G. NAGABHUSHANAM :—"May I know whether the scheme will be extended to the whole State?"

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—"Yes, Sir. A list of selected villages in all the districts has been made by the Director of Agriculture. Since the question is about Srikakulam district only, a list of villages in that district has been placed on the table."

Price of paddy.

*305 Q.—Sri C. KANDASAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have got any proposals to check up the rise of price of paddy and if so, what are the proposals?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Yes. Consequent on the policy of relaxation of controls the Government have withdrawn control over prices of rice and paddy in open market. With a view to regulate movement of rice and paddy from surplus areas to deficit areas and to avoid the possibility of one area being depleted of its stocks and thus bringing in its trail soaring rise in prices of paddy and rice, the Government have divided the State into a number of zones with one or two surplus districts supplying in free market the needs of a few deficit districts included in each zone. Within the zone, free private trade is allowed and there is no control as regards price or the quantity of rice to be distributed except through fair price shops.

The Government have also issued instructions to the Collectors to adopt one or more of the following steps in order to check the rise in the price of paddy and rice in the open market :—

(1) To be on the watch to find out cases of cornering of stocks by merchants and to requisition such stocks.

(2) To open more fair price shops in areas where prices show a tendency to rise abnormally; and

(3) To ensure that all fair price shops keep adequate stocks for issue to the consumers.

The Foodgrains (Licensing and Procurement) Order, issued by the Central Government has been extended to this State. Under this Order persons dealing in foodgrains in excess of 15 maunds have to take out licences and submit stock